Dr. Eddie M. Smith MRUF-54

Dr. Smith was president of East Central Community college where he led the institution from 1985 to 2000 and served his alma mater as its sixth president.

During Dr. Smith's tenure, the college experienced unprecedented growth in numerous areas, especially in enrollment, program offerings, campus facilities and workforce education. An increased emphasis was placed on recruiting students of all ages. As a result of a closely followed recruitment and retention plan, enrollment increased each of his 15 years at the helm.

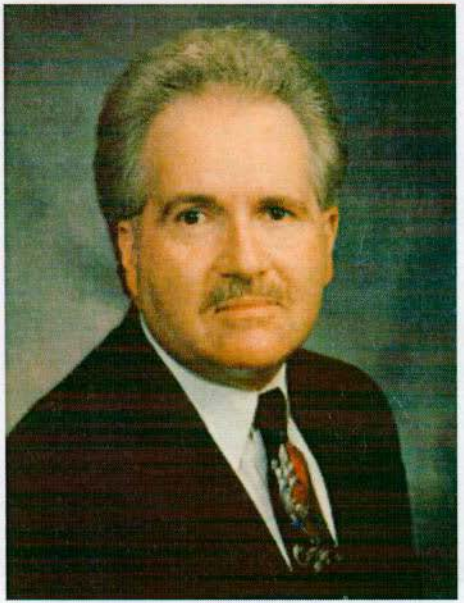
Upon his retirement in 2000, the college's Board of Trustees named the newly constructed Student Union in his honor, in recognition of his dedication to serving students of all ages.

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Clarke Venable Baptist Church Building Fund
P.O. Box 308 Decatur, MS 39327



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In Loving Memory
of
Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Age: 71

Entered this Life: February 14, 1943
Departed this Life: April 14, 2014

Survivors of Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Wife of 38 years:
Charlotte Smith of Decatur

2 Daughters:
Kelli Smith of Magee, MS
Wendy Smith of Union, MS

1 Sister:
Claire Woodward of Louisville

Dr. Smith was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne Smith and Vernon Smith.



Services
11 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2014
Clarke Venable Baptist Church

Interment
Decatur City Cemetery

Minister:
Rev. Mark Vincent

Pallbearers
Wayne Comans, Ovid Vickers, Elwin Flowers, L.B. Bullock, Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Ben Harper, Mickey Vance, James Yelverton, Doug Woodward, Scott Woodward and Jimmy Smith



This is to certify that

EDDIE SMITH

has complied with all of the requirements for, and has been initiated into

Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity

by the THETA XI *chapter on the* 20th *day of* February, 1962

In witness of which we have caused the great seal of this Fraternity to be hereto affixed and inscribed our signatures.



CHAPTER SECRETARY

Margaret Mosal

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Phi Theta Kappa

National Headquarters

Proudly Announces That

DR. EDDIE M. SMITH

has been elected an
Honorary Member of

Phi Theta Kappa

National Honor Fraternity
of the
Community and Junior College

In witness of which we have caused the great seal of this fraternity to be hereto affixed and inscribed our signatures

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Phi Theta Kappa

Presented to

Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Certificate of Appreciation

in recognition of outstanding efforts
contributing to the growth of

Phi Theta Kappa

National Honor Fraternity
of the
American Two Year College

In witness of which we have caused the great seal of this fraternity to be hereto affixed and inscribed our signatures

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THETA XI
CHAPTER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EAST CENTRAL JR. COLLEGE
COLLEGE

12 SEPTEMBER 1987
DATE

CHARGE A

I, EDDIE SMITH, ACCEPT THE CHARGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND COMMIT MYSELF TO STRIVE TO FILL THIS LEADERSHIP ROLE WITH ALL OF THE ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM, AND DIGNITY THAT I CAN BRING TO IT.

PLAQUE B

THANK YOU MR. BRANTLEY. I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS OCCASION WHEN I LOOK UPON THIS PLAQUE. I WILL HANG IT IN A PLACE OF PROMINENCE IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

MEDALLION C

I, EDDIE SMITH, ACCEPT THIS MEDALLION AS A SYMBOL OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENCY OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE. I PLEDGE MYSELF TO USE SUCH AUTHORITY FAIRLY AND JUSTLY AND IN KEEPING WITH THE BEST INTERESTS AND THE TRADITIONS OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE.

INAUGURAL SPEECH
April 30, 1986

MR. HUDSPETH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DISTINGUISHED PLATFORM GUESTS, STUDENTS, FACULTY, SPECIAL GUESTS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS, I AM DEEPLY HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY. IT IS WITH A RARE MIXTURE OF MANY PLEASANT THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS THAT I THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION.

THERE ARE SO MANY HERE TODAY TO WHOM I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS NOT ONLY TOWARD THIS EVENT BUT TOWARD THE VERY LIFE AND VITALITY OF THIS COLLEGE. TO NAME ALL WHO ARE WORTHY OF SUCH RECOGNITION WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT EXPRESS MY SPECIAL THANKS TO DR. BRAD TUCKER, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION, WHO SERVED SO ABLY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INAUGURAL STEERING COMMITTEE; TO ALL OF THE FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF WHO SERVED ON ALL THE VARIOUS INAUGURAL COMMITTEES; AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES WHO FELT IT WORTHWHILE TO SPONSOR THIS PROGRAM OF RECOGNITION. I THANK YOU ALL.

ON AUGUST 23, 1985, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 57TH SESSION OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE AND UPON THE OCCASION OF MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF, I RELATED CERTAIN PROMISES THAT WERE TANTAMOUNT TO ANY SUCCESS OR EFFECTIVENESS THAT I MIGHT ACHIEVE IN MY ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THIS COLLEGE. THE COMMITMENTS OR PROMISES THAT I PERSONALLY ESPOUSE SHALL BE ADDRESSED IN MY SUBSEQUENT REMARKS. THERE IS HOWEVER, A PROMISE TO WHICH I ASCRIBE THAT I MUST RELATE AT THIS TIME. IT IS FOUND IN THE 3rd BOOK OF PROVERBS, VERSES 5 AND 6.

5. TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING.

6. IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

AS I BEGAN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FACULTY HERE AT EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, I ALSO BEGIN MY REMARKS TODAY, ACKNOWLEDGING THE LORDSHIP OF OUR FATHER ABOVE IN MY LIFE AND IN MY WORK.

TODAY IS A MOST SIGNIFICANT ~~EVENT~~ DAY IN THE LIFE AND HISTORY OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE. AS THE PLANS WERE BEING FORMULATED FOR THIS DAY, I EXPRESSED TO THE BOARD AND TO THE FACULTY THAT ABOVE ALL ELSE, IT WAS MY DESIRE THAT THIS BE A DAY OF HONOR FOR THE ENTIRE COLLEGE AND FOR THE RICH HERITAGE THAT IT HAS ~~ACHIEVED~~ Established. CERTAINLY THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE MANY, MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS COLLEGE IN THE PAST MAKE THIS A RED-LETTER DAY. ANY HONOR THAT I MAY PERSONALLY EXPERIENCE IS CERTAINLY SHARED WITH ALL OF OUR EAST CENTRAL FAMILY AND WITH MY VERY GRACIOUS, UNDERSTANDING, AND LOVING WIFE, CHARLOTTE, WHO IS MY HELPMATE IN MY ROLE OF SERVICE HERE AT THIS COLLEGE.

ON SUCH A MEANINGFUL DAY AS THIS, WHAT IS THE MESSAGE THAT I SHOULD LIKE TO CONVEY? CERTAINLY, THERE IS MUCH THAT COULD BE APPROPRIATELY SAID ON SUCH AN OCCASION. HOWEVER, I WOULD CHOOSE TO FOCUS MY MESSAGE ~~TOWARD~~ UPON MY ROLE AS ONE WHO HAS ACCEPTED A POSITION OF SERVICE TO OTHERS AND TO THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION. ~~SO,~~ MY MESSAGE IS ONE OF COMMITMENT;

- TO OUR STUDENTS,
- TO OUR FACULTY,
- TO OUR BOARD,
- TO OUR DISTRICT, OUR STATE AND NATION, AND
- TO THOSE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO REPRESENT THE PUBLIC TRUST IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE.

TO THE STUDENTS OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, BOTH CURRENT AND FUTURE, I COMMIT TO BEING YOUR ADVOCATE IN PROVIDING THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREAS OF ACADEMIC, TECHNICAL, AND VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTION. YOU ARE THE REASON FOR THE COLLEGE'S EXISTENCE. AS I EXPRESSED MY COMMITMENTS TO OUR FACULTY LAST AUGUST, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE HERE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS. EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WAS NOT ESTABLISHED SO THAT I, AS PRESIDENT, MIGHT HAVE A PLACE TO ~~EXERT~~ EXHIBIT MY ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS. NOR WAS THE COLLEGE CREATED TO PROVIDE A PLACE FOR TEACHERS TO TEACH. WE'RE HERE TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT, FOR SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT, FOR SKILLS ENHANCEMENT, AND FOR YOUR UPWARD MOBILITY IN YOUR CHOSEN AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE.

WHAT SHOULD I ASK IN RETURN FOR THIS COMMITMENT? I WOULD ASK FOR A RECIPROCAL COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVEMENT; FOR A DESIRE TO IMPROVE YOURSELVES; FOR A SENSE OF INCREASED SELF-MOTIVATION AND INDEPENDENCE; AND FOR A GENUINE SEARCH FOR THE THINGS THAT HAVE REAL MEANING IN THIS LIFE HERE ON EARTH.

SHOULD ANY OF US LOSE SIGHT OF THESE COMMITMENTS, THEN SURELY WE WILL HAVE MISSED OUR PURPOSE FOR BEING A PART OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE.

TO THE FACULTY AT THE COLLEGE, I MAKE THE COMMITMENT OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT ~~TO~~ FOR EACH OF YOU IN YOUR VARIOUS ROLES. CERTAINLY I AM HERE TO SERVE AND NOT TO BE SERVED; TO HELP AND NOT TO PROVIDE OBSTACLES; AND TO DIRECT IN ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING THAT WILL FACILITATE OUR CENTRAL PURPOSE OF SERVING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS.

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE HAS BEEN BLESSED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY MANNER IN THE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITY OF ITS FACULTY. AND, IT SHALL BE A CONSTANT GOAL THAT WE SEEK INDIVIDUALS WITH THE HIGHEST OF CREDENTIALS SO THAT WE MAY ADHERE TO OUR COMMITMENT FOR EXCELLENCE.

IN RETURN FOR MY COMMITMENTS TO THE FACULTY, I ASK FOR YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THE CLASSROOM; FOR CONCERN FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT WITH HIS OR HER OWN SPECIFIC NEEDS, REGARDLESS OF ~~THEIR~~ CULTURAL, ETHNIC, OR SOCIAL BACKGROUNDS; FOR UNDERSTANDING AND A DESIRE FOR UNITY; AND FOR A DEDICATION TO CONTINUED LEARNING AND PERSONAL INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, I MUST ADDRESS MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE FOR PERMITTING ME TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT. TO YOU I PLEDGE OPENNESS; FAIRNESS; DILIGENT EFFORT; TRUSTWORTHINESS; AND A COMMITMENT TO MAKING AND SUSTAINING EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE AS AN INSTITUTION THAT ASCRIBES TO QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE. IT SHALL BE MY CONSTANT EFFORT TO ATTEMPT TO BALANCE SELF-CONFIDENCE WITH HUMILITY; PROGRESS AND RESTRAINT; WORK AND LEISURE - ALL FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COLLEGE.

OF YOU I ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING; FOR UNITY; FOR YOUR SUPPORT; FOR CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM AND FOR THE EXPRESSION OF YOUR OPINIONS EVEN WHEN THEY DIFFER FROM MY OWN; AND THAT YOU EXERCISE YOUR AUTHORITY AND POWER IN THE POSITIVE MANNER AS DEFINED BY THE POLICIES SET FORTH BY AND FOR THE BOARD.

TO THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE - OUR DISTRICT, OUR STATE AND NATION, I REITERATE OUR BASIC GOAL THAT EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE SHALL SERVE AS THE BEST POSSIBLE OPTION FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR FIVE-COUNTY DISTRICT. FOR THE CITIZENS OF NEWTON, NESHOBA, SCOTT, LEAKE AND WINSTON COUNTIES, WE ARE YOUR JUNIOR COLLEGE. WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU.

CERTAINLY A PART OF OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSION IS OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING SECONDARY VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTION AT OUR PHILADELPHIA-NESHOBA VO-TECH CENTER AND IN OTHER SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS AS MAY BE DEVELOPED IN OUR DISTRICT.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SERVICE TO OUR BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES IN OUR DISTRICT THROUGH JOB START-UP TRAINING, UP-GRADE, AND OTHER PROGRAMS.

NOT TO DIVERT TO A TOPIC THAT IS OF BOTH TIMELY AND CRITICAL CONCERN - OUR STATE'S ECONOMY - I MUST SAY IN RELATION TO OUR SERVICE AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION-THAT THE ONLY HOPE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ECONOMY AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF OUR STATE RESTS WITH OUR SYSTEM OF EDUCATION. AND I'M SPEAKING OF EDUCATION BEGINNING WITH KINDERGARTEN AND SPANNING THE ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL SPECTRUM. MAJOR INDUSTRIES CHOOSE TO LOCATE IN AREAS WHERE EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PREVAIL AND I REFERENCE SPECIFICALLY THE LOCATING OF GENERAL MOTOR'S NEW SATURN PLANT IN SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE. WHEN PRESIDENT WILLIAM HOGLUND REVEALED THE CHOICE OF LOCATION FOR THE SATURN PLANT AFTER SURVEYING 1,000 POSSIBLE SITES IN 38 STATES, HE SURPRISED MANY BY CITING TENNESSEE'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AS THE KEY FACTOR IN THE DECISION.

WE AT EAST CENTRAL SUBSCRIBE TO SUCH A COMMITMENT FOR OUR DISTRICT, OUR STATE, AND OUR NATION. THIS IS WHERE IT ALL BEGINS AND WE ASK THAT YOU, OUR PUBLIC, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS WE OFFER.

THEN, WE MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO THOSE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO REPRESENT THE PUBLIC TRUST IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE, THAT WE AT EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WILL ADHERE TO AND SUPPORT THE STATUTES AND PHILOSOPHY THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED TO GOVERN OUR JUNIOR COLLEGES. IT IS OUR PLEDGE TO UTILIZE THE RESOURCES YOU PROVIDE US IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR OUR OPERATION.

WE ONLY HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE OUR RESOURCES WILL BE MORE BOUNTIFUL SO THAT THE PRIORITIES OF OUR STATE SHALL BE REASONABLY DIRECTED AND SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN OUR JUNIOR COLLEGES, IN OUR UNIVERSITIES, AND IN ALL OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS IN MISSISSIPPI. THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE.

AS WE DETAIL OUR COMMITMENTS FOR THE FUTURE, CERTAINLY WE MUST GIVE CREDIT TO A RICH AND MEANINGFUL HERITAGE OF THE PAST.

WHO HAS MADE EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WHAT IT IS TODAY? OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND STAFF MEMBERS HAVE SO CONTRIBUTED.

THROUGH THE YEARS, EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE HAS COUNTED AMONG ITS FACULTY SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING TEACHERS IN THIS STATE. TO NAME THEM ALL IS IMPOSSIBLE. HOWEVER, SOME ARE SO LEGENDARY THEY WARRANT

ATTENTION IN ANY DISCUSSION OF EAST CENTRAL'S HISTORY. MRS. STELLA NEWSOME, FOR EXAMPLE, POSSESSED THAT RARE QUALITY WHICH ENABLED HER TO MAKE EVERY STUDENT FEEL THAT HE/SHE WAS IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT TO HER, TO OTHER STUDENTS, AND ABOVE ALL TO HIMSELF/HERSELF.

ANOTHER TEACHER, MISS JANIE SULLIVAN, WENT ABOUT HER WORK IN A QUITE, UNASSUMING WAY, ALWAYS PUTTING THE STUDENT FIRST, EVEN TO THE POINT OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL HELP TO WORTHY STUDENTS IN A TIME LONG BEFORE FEDERAL GRANTS WERE AVAILABLE.

AND NO LIST OF OUTSTANDING TEACHERS AT EAST CENTRAL WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT MENTIONING MISS UNA HARRIS -- FIERY, STRICT, DEMANDING, GRUFF, BUT WITH A CONVICTION THAT NO MATTER HOW STUDENTS FELT ABOUT HER CLASSES, SHE MUST SEND THEM OUT WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPER USE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

IN MISSISSIPPI TODAY, THERE ARE DOZENS OF MEDICAL DOCTORS, NURSES, TECHNICIANS, THERAPISTS, AND SCIENTISTS WHO WOULD NOT BE PRACTICING THEIR PROFESSIONS WERE IT NOT FOR THE WORK OF SUCH TEACHERS AS MR. FRANK CROSS AND MR. FRANK LEATHERWOOD.

PEOPLE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAVE LONG APPRECIATED THE CALIBER OF STUDENTS WHO STUDIED AT EAST CENTRAL UNDER SUCH TEACHERS AS CHARLES PENNINGTON AND WALLACE BEDWELL.

THE LIST COULD GO ON AND ON.....

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1928, EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE HAS HAD PROGRESSIVE AND DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP. FIVE PRESIDENTS HAVE SERVED THE INSTITUTION PRIOR TO THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION, AND EACH HAD MADE HIS OWN UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE SCHOOL'S BECOMING WHAT IT NOW IS.

ROSCOE C. PUGH SERVED AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL IN DECATUR WHEN EAST CENTRAL WAS ORGANIZED AND THUS BECAME THE HEAD OF THE SCHOOL WHEN IT BEGAN OFFERING COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES. PRESIDENT PUGH IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE "FOUNDING

FATHERS" OF THE JUNIOR COLLEGE MOVEMENT IN MISSISSIPPI AND SPONSORED MUCH OF THE LEGISLATION GOVERNING THESE SCHOOLS. HE LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WITH UNFEIGNED DEDICATION, SELFLESS EFFORT AND LABOR, AND AN EXERTION OF PERSONAL INFLUENCE THAT ENLARGED THE NUMBER OF COUNTIES SUPPORTING THE INSTITUTION FROM ONLY NEWTON IN 1928 TO NESHOBA, SCOTT, AND LEAKE BY THE END OF HIS TENURE IN 1934.

DR. L. O. TODD BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL FOLLOWING MR. PUGH. DR. TODD WAS A GREGARIOUS, PEOPLE-ORIENTED ADMINISTRATOR, SKILLED IN INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS. HE ALSO POSSESSED THE POLITICAL ACUMEN NEEDED TO INCREASE THE COLLEGE'S SUPPORT BASE, TO GAIN FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF ITS PHYSICAL PLANT WITH EIGHT NEW BUILDINGS, AND HE RECRUITED A NUMBER OF EXCELLENT FACULTY MEMBERS. AMONG THE FIRST OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS THE RECRUITMENT OF WINSTON COUNTY INTO THE COLLEGE'S DISTRICT. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THE COLLEGE BEGAN TO ENLARGE ITS STUDENT BODY AND LOSE ITS CLOSE IDENTITY WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL, A PROCESS HASTENED BY A BROADENING OF ITS CURRICULUM, ITS RECEIVING REGIONAL ACCREDITATION, AND ITS PRODUCING VIABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC TEAMS. ADDITIONALLY, THE LAST YEARS OF HIS PRESIDENCY WITNESSED THE BROADENING OF THE INSTRUCTION OF THE HERETOFORE LIBERAL ARTS, UNIVERSITY-PARALLEL SCHOOL IN THE DIRECTION OF VOCATIONAL COURSES IN THE SKILLED TRADES.

FOLLOWING DR. TODD'S RESIGNATION IN 1953, W. ARNO VINCENT, A FACULTY MEMBER, COACH, AND ADMINISTRATOR AT THE ~~SCHOOL~~ COLLEGE FOR SEVERAL YEARS TOOK THE REINS OF LEADERSHIP, BECOMING THE FIRST ALUMNUS OF THE COLLEGE TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT. PRESIDENT VINCENT WAS A "HANDS ON" TYPE OF ADMINISTRATOR, NOTED FOR TAKING PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE FACULTY AND STAFF AND IN THE HAPPENINGS OF THE CLASSROOMS, THE SHOPS, AND SPORTING EVENTS. HE CONTINUED THE PROCESS OF ADDING NEEDED PHYSICAL PLANT FACILITIES AND HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN THE RECRUITMENT OF A NUMBER OF SUPERB FACULTY MEMBERS FOR THE GROWING INSTITUTION. HIS ERA MARKED THE END OF THE CONNECTION OF THE COLLEGE WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL WHEN THE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL WAS TERMINATED IN 1958.

DR. DOUGLAS MONTGOMERY BECAME THE FOURTH CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR FOR EAST CENTRAL IN 1962. A RETIRED AIR FORCE COLONEL AND HARVARD LAW SCHOOL GRADUATE, HE WAS HIGHLY ORGANIZED, STRUCTURED, AND METHODICAL AS PRESIDENT. HE GAVE THE ~~SCHOOL~~ COLLEGE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION IT NEEDED FOR THE CHANGES THAT WERE IN THE OFFING. ALTHOUGH LACK OF FUNDS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL PREVENTED THE BUILDING OF NEW FACILITIES FOR THESE AREAS OF INSTRUCTION, TECHNICAL EDUCATION WAS BEGUN DURING HIS ERA AND FRESH STATE LEGISLATION PLACED RENEWED EMPHASIS ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION-THUS ENLARGING THIS PROGRAM. WHEN MORE PROSPEROUS TIMES ARRIVED, MONTGOMERY HAD ALREADY LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR MUCH THAT WAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THESE AREAS. A NOTABLE QUALITY OF MONTGOMERY WAS HIS CONCERN FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE BY INSTITUTIONAL PERSONNEL. HE WAS FACULTY-AND-STAFF ORIENTED AND EXPECTED AND RECEIVED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE FROM THEM WHICH HE COMPENSATED TO THE LIMITS OF THE SCHOOL'S RESOURCES.

DR. CHARLES V. WRIGHT BECAME THE HEAD OF THE COLLEGE IN 1966 AND SERVED UNTIL 1985. HIS NINETEEN-YEAR ADMINISTRATION WAS MARKED BY A REMARKABLE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, PRODUCING EIGHT NEW MAJOR BUILDINGS FOR THE SCHOOL'S PHYSICAL PLANT AND NUMEROUS RENOVATIONS AND LESSER ADDITIONS. THESE STAND AS SILENT TESTIMONY TO HIS OUTSTANDING ABILITY TO SECURE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SUCH PROJECTS AND TO HIS SKILLS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ~~SCHOOL~~ COLLEGE'S FINANCES - HE LEFT THE ~~SCHOOL~~ COLLEGE DEBT FREE! FACULTY AND STAFF WERE UPGRADED EDUCATIONALLY DURING THE WRIGHT YEARS THROUGH FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS, AND THE EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS WAS ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY.

OUR COLLEGE HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTERED SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1928.

FIFTY YEARS AGO, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 8TH SESSION OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, DR. L. O. TODD, A PIONEER ~~IN THE~~ JUNIOR COLLEGE ~~MOVEMENT IN MISSISSIPPI~~ ADMINISTRATOR, SPOKE TO THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION. HIS SPEECH, WHICH IS IN MY FILES, WAS A SUCCINCT STATEMENT FROM A COLLEGE PRESIDENT TO HIS FACULTY.

DR. TODD CHALLENGED THE FACULTY TO TEACH WITH A PURPOSE AND TO FORMULATE A MEANS FOR EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR INSTRUCTION. EDUCATION, HE SAID, MUST BE FUNCTIONAL AND NOT JUST A MASTRY OF USELESS INFORMATION. TEACHING SHOULD BE DONE, AND KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED, SO THAT A STUDENT DEVELOPS THE ABILITY TO REASON, TO FORMULATE CORRECT ATTITUDES AND TO HAVE AN APPRECIATION FOR LIFE AND LEARNING.

DR. TODD ALSO REMINDED THE FACULTY THAT EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE HAD ITS BEGINNINGS AS A RESPONSE TO THE NEED FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN EAST CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI. BECAUSE EAST CENTRAL REPRESENTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN DREAM - THE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL - THE COLLEGE MUST NEVER FORGET ITS PURPOSE AND MUST NEVER CATER TO THAT SEGMENT OF SOCIETY WHICH REPRESENTS ONLY THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND INTELLECTUALLY ELITE.

IN HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS, DR. TODD CHALLENGED HIS TEACHERS TO HAVE A LOVE OF LEARNING, AND TO TEACH WITH THE DETERMINATION TO PASS ON THAT LOVE OF LEARNING TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

AS THE 6TH PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, I ACCEPT FOR THE STUDENTS, THE FACULTY, THE ADMINISTRATION, AND THE BOARD THAT CHALLENGE OFFERED SO MANY YEARS AGO BY A MAN WHO, WITH GREAT FORESIGHT, STARTED THIS COLLEGE ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING THE RESPECTED AND WORTHY INSTITUTION THAT IT IS TODAY.

~~I THANK YOU ALL.~~

I would like to conclude my remarks with a brief poem that came to me yesterday from some dear friends who are here today. Its message is very clear.

~~THE TRUE MEANING OF SUCCESS~~

THE POEM WAS WRITTEN BY AMANDA BRADLEY -

WHATEVER WE LEARN,
LET US OFFER THAT KNOWLEDGE,
WHATEVER WE HAVE,
LET US WILLINGLY GIVE,
WHATEVER WE DREAM,
LET OUR DREAMS INSPIRE OTHERS
AND BRING THEM NEW COURAGE
TO HELP THEIR DREAMS LIVE...
WHATEVER WE GAIN,
LET US ALWAYS BE READY
TO SHARE THE TRUE JOYS
THAT WE FIND ON THE WAY--
FOR SUCCESS ISN'T MEASURED
BY HOW MUCH WE OWN,
BUT BY HOW MUCH WE LOVINGLY GIVE
DAY BY DAY.

Amanda Bradley

I - THANK YOU ALL.

THE INAUGURATION

The Processional
East Central Junior College Concert Band
God of our Fathers Arranged by Jim Curnow
Director, Tom Carson

Choral Invocation
East Central Junior College Chorus
Gloria in Excelsis By Wolfgang Mozart
Director, Charles Hinson
Accompanist, Leesa Graham

Invocation
The Reverend Gus Merritt
Pastor, Clarke-Venable Baptist Church

Welcome
Ovid Vickers
Instructor of English
The Ceremonial Marshall

Recognition of Special Guests
Brad J. Tucker
Dean of Instruction

Salutations
Arno Vincent
Past President
East Central Junior College

Richard A. Boyd
State Superintendent of Education

George V. Moody
Director, Bureau of Junior Colleges

Don Milner
Associate Director, Bureau of Vocational-Technical Education

Charge from the Board of Trustees
Don Howington, Secretary

Presentation of the Insignia
Gilbert Brantley, Vice Chairman
Board of Trustees

Investiture of the President
Henry B. Hudspeth, Chairman
Board of Trustees

President's Response
Eddie M. Smith

Alma Mater
Soloist, Wendy Smith

Choral Benediction
East Central Junior College Chorus
Wonderful Peace By Gustaf Nordquist

Benediction
The Reverend Barry Dickerson
Pastor, Decatur United Methodist Church

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Letter from Bill Haywood
to
Dr. Eddie M. Smith

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Letter concerning enrollment of Roger Bell

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19 January 1998

Chief Roger Bell
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Choctaw Indian Reservation
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Dear Roger:

You probably don't remember me at all, and if so, then only remotely. Volume VII, No. 2, of the ECCC *The Warrior*, with which I am thoughtfully complimented by the Alumni Association, arrived a few weeks ago. As the business manager and a faculty member at ECJC from early 1951 to mid-1958, I am always interested in the Alumni News, wherein I found report of your recent reelection as vice chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. My hearty congratulations. Coincidentally, a Jackson friend favored me with a clipping reporting the signing of "an accord" between Governor Fordice and your Chief Phillip Martin which concluded with the statement: "...that relationship has not been as front and center as it should be."

When I left ECJC in 1958 to become the chief financial officer of Tulane University I carried with me a very valuable lesson in which you played a prominent role. Later as the vice-president of Mercer University my recollection of that lesson bolstered me in my definitive role resulting in the admission of black students to that historically single-race white institution. Indeed, throughout my career as university teacher and senior administrator, i.e. vice-presidencies at Skidmore College in upstate New York and Vanderbilt University from which I retired in 1985, during my presidencies of the nation's two largest membership organizations of college and university business officers, and in all of my Ford Foundation work in securing the accreditation of historically black colleges in the South, recollection of my Roger Bell experience surfaced often in the face of racial prejudice. That experience was abetted by lessons learned when I supported the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional and some personal difficulties encountered in the Decatur community when, as an Ole' Miss alumnus, I endorsed the Ole' Miss application of Evers whose mother Jessie then worked in the ECJC Snack Bar following many years of domestic service in my wife's family.

I have never told this story except to my family and a very few close personal friends. It could be misinterpreted as critical of my early mentor, the late Doctor Lindsey Ogletree Todd, with whom I maintained a close professional friendship until his death and who I regard as the preeminent leader in the development and refinement of the

Mississippi junior college system. Additionally, I have always been close to Jane and Joe Todd and would not want them to think me demeaning of their father. You, however, should know it, and the college should have a record of a seminal event; the president of ECJC may wish to place it in an archive to be opened at some future date. It speaks to a time and condition which no longer exists, one which represented an unfortunate excess in our nation's history but one which is hopefully being cured by a combination of enlightenment and economics.

I had been at ECJC but six weeks when registration for summer school 1951 brought you and several dozen students to the campus. Of the four year-round college officers, the president (Todd), the dean (Roberts), the registrar (Ferguson), and the business manager (Haywood), three were gone for the summer: Todd to teach junior college administration at the University of North Carolina; Roberts to work on his doctorate at Indiana U.; and Ferguson with the national guard. I was left to run both summer school and the college, a totally new experience on both fronts. Except for the heat, registration in the gym went well, no one denominating your enrollment as unusual.

About midnight I wearily sank into deep sleep, soon after abruptly awakened by the ringing telephone in my bachelor campus apartment. Half asleep and doubtless irritated, my "hello" was met by an irate voice demanding, "Have you lost your mind?." My perhaps intemperate just-turned-twenty-three response, "Not when I went to bed, but if you hang on until I turn on the light I will look around the room and see." I was verbally accosted: "Don't you sass me! What do you mean registering that Choctaw Indian today at ECJC?" Quizzically, "That what? Oh, you mean Roger Bell from Conehatta. He is a very nice young man."

Now, it was even later at night in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and in 1951 long distance telephone calls were few and far between, strictly business. My irate boss, who had doubtless been awakened even later (there) at night by his trustee chairman, whose telephone had probably interrupted his farmer's hours sleep, directed: "You go to the office in the morning and send him home. We don't let Choctaw Indians attend ECJC."

Now other than at the State Fair in Jackson where I was reared I had never knowingly seen an Indian, I certainly had nothing against them, and I had never heard anyone express prejudice towards them. It was thus natural for me to respond: "I don't know what your problem is, but I know of no reason to deny admission to Roger just because he is an Indian; after all, the Indians got here before we did. If you want him sent home, come home and do it yourself. If you do come home bring a new business manager with you because when you come in the east drive I will leave by the west one."

Todd stayed the summer in North Carolina and the subject never again arose between us; his outburst was doubtless occasioned by his reaction to the highly politicized members of the ECJC board of trustees who in turn responded to historically deeply-seated community prejudicial reaction. You stayed at ECJC as long as you wished; I don't know when you left but I seem to recall that you eventually transferred to Clarke College in Newton. I stayed in Decatur for nearly

eight years, marrying a local coed who was the 1954 May Queen, and I was repeatedly shocked by the readily observed prejudice practiced locally against the Choctaw Indians.

Todd left in 1954 about the time of the Supreme Court desegregation decision, which at some personal and professional peril I publicly supported, and by the time I left in 1958 several Choctaws had enrolled in the vocational-technical departments; I do not recall whether any had enrolled in the academic programs. As a community leader and close observer of local action, especially as commander of the county American Legion Post 89, I learned some cardinal lessons about the evils of racial and ethnic prejudice, lessons on which I would draw for guidance for the remainder of my life.

Before June 1951 I was a typical southerner, though the conditions of my rearing were such that I did not then realize that I carried in my being racial prejudice against black people. I knew I "hated" the Japanese people, a condition forced by Pearl Harbor and my subsequent naval service, but I "loved" the Chinese: certainly I was not racially prejudiced against yellow people. The Roger Bell incident caused me extensive introspective examination from which I emerged without any racial or ethnic prejudice. I am proud of the work I have done to help the institutions, social, educational, religious, with which I have been engaged to overcome their racial prejudice. Several black educators are among my closest personal friends, friendships that would have been denied me had I retained my prejudice. My attitude has positively influenced many of my same-generation family, siblings, cousins, and yes, even parents. The proudest outcome is that I have four sons and daughters, all significant professionals and influential in their own right and circles, whose sinews carry not a scintilla of racial prejudice; they in turn have given me seven grandchildren of like bent.

Since the beginning of time, mankind has observed the spreading consequence of a pebble dropped into a pool of water. Roger Bell was such a pebble and the environment of my personal and professional life such a pool.

I would very much welcome a letter from you and a recitation of your major experiences in the nearly fifty years since we last met. I greatly admire the entrepreneurship of Native Americans in developing casinos on their "national land" for their support. Every year or so I pass through east central Mississippi to place flowers on my wife's grave in Decatur and often think about detouring from the Philadelphia bypass and stop by Choctaw reservation lands to revisit sites familiar a long time ago, but then I am told by local kin that all is changed. Perhaps yet!

Very sincerely yours,

William Thomas Haywood

cc: President Eddie M. Smith, ECCC.

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 4, 1998

Dr. William Thomas Haywood
P. O. Box 1176
Columbia, TN 38402

Dear Dr. Haywood:

Thank you so much for sharing the copy of your letter of January 19, 1998, to Chief Roger Bell with me. The insight provided was priceless.

The copy you sent me shall not be duplicated and will be filed in the College's archives.

Please visit with us when you are in the Decatur area.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Eddie M. Smith
President

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WITH YOU IN MIND

The Meridian Star | Thursday, May 1, 1986

Boyd: ECJC's Smith faces difficult times

By Dan Turner
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Dr. Eddie M. Smith assumes the East Central Junior College presidential post during the "most difficult of times," State Superintendent of Education Richard Boyd said Wednesday.

"The state's ... budget cuts are not going to be helpful," Dr. Boyd said during inauguration ceremonies for Dr. Smith.

"However, many of the things it takes to improve education in this state don't take a lot of money," he said.

Boyd said he believed Dr. Smith's leadership will help ECJC through the economic hardships.

Dr. Smith said earlier that ECJC will see its budget cut by 14 percent, but no faculty positions will be eliminated.

To make up for part of the cuts, tuition at the school will be raised from $220 to $285 per semester. The state average tuition for junior colleges stands at $288 per semester.

ECJC officials also hope that increased support from Kemper County will help ease a portion of the financial burden.

The formal inauguration of Dr. Smith drew a full house in Huff Auditorium.

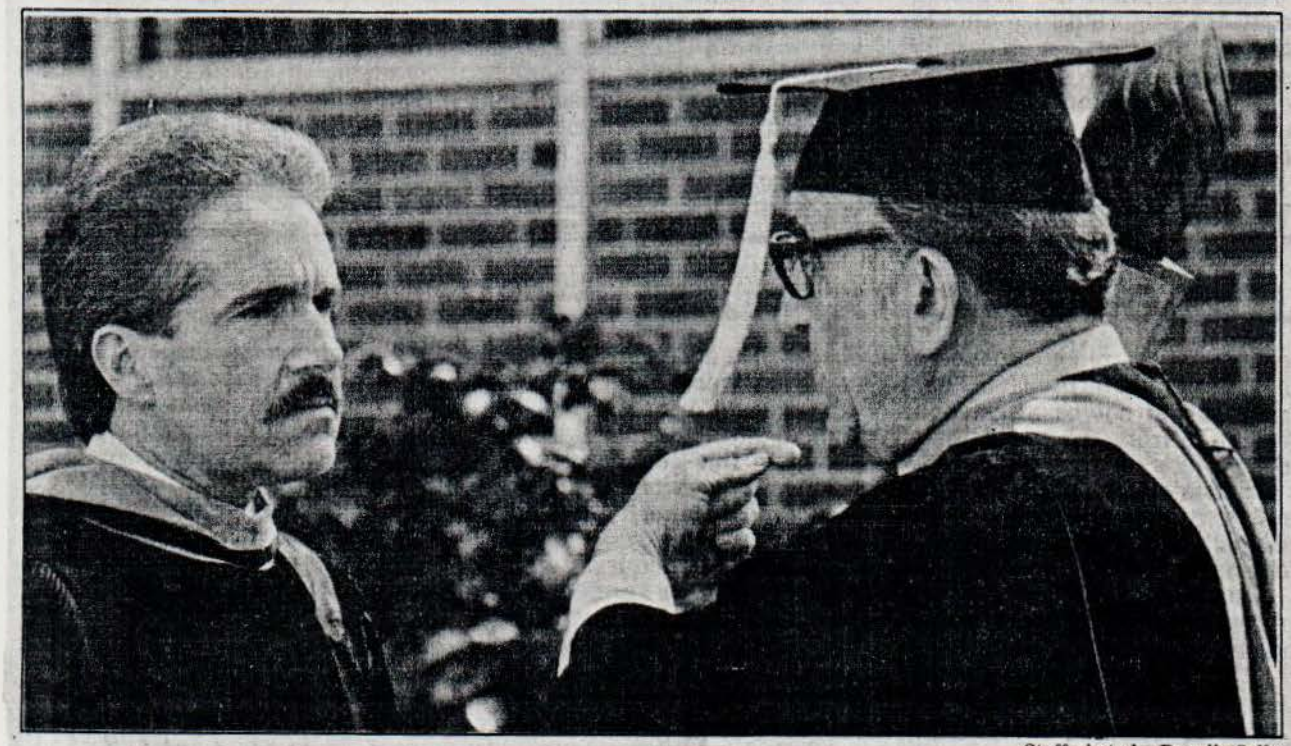
The crowd — which included a wide variety of state and county

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officials, university presidents and school representatives — watched as Dr. Smith became the sixth president of the junior college.

In his response, Dr. Smith said "The only hope of improving our economic and social status in the state ... is education."



Staff photo by Rogelio Solis

Dr. Eddie M. Smith receives final instructions from ceremony marshal Ovid Vickers

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Dr. Eddie Smith
President
East Central Community College
Post Office Box 129
Decatur, Mississippi 39327-0129

Dear Dr. Smith:

We are pleased to present the enclosed certificate to East Central Community College for the role your employees, their relatives and friends played in the success of the volunteer efforts for the *Palaces of St. Petersburg: Russian Imperial Style* exhibition

In the Fall of 1995, I approached many businesses, organizations, schools, churches and governments requesting their assistance in broadcasting the need for 2500 volunteers to operate the exhibition. The response was phenomenal and to show our appreciation we provided a display case that announced sponsors of volunteers by the month, the week and the day and we provided a means for sponsorships by the total hours donated by the volunteers. A Premier Sponsor is for those with over 1200 hours, a Supporting volunteer has between 560 to 1200 hours and a Volunteer Friend has between 168 to 560 hours.

Your school's participation has earned the title of *Volunteer Friend* and our thanks in helping to reach a grand active role of 2100 volunteers. Thank you for this assistance and we look forward to working with you, your school and most importantly your impressive employees on future exhibitions.

Sincerely,

Candace

Candace W. Crecink
Director of Volunteers

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COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

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1989 ANNUAL REPORT

Featuring... THE COMMITTEES ON C



Frank Borkowski

Each year approximately 200 committees visit our regional candidate and member institutions to evaluate compliance with the *Criteria for Accreditation* and to assist institutions in their future educational development. The reports of these committees, as well as the responses from the institutions to the recommendations of the committees, are forwarded to the Commission's standing review committees: the Committees on Criteria and Reports. The two committees, one responsible for analyzing findings concerning institutions offering the associate's degree (C & R Level I) and the other responsible for reviewing information concerning institutions offering the bachelor's, master's, or doctor's degrees (C & R Levels II-VI), meet twice a year, in June and December, and spend several days and many hours reading and analyzing materials, interviewing representatives from institutions, discussing institutional cases, and sometimes making difficult accrediting decisions.

The committee workload and responsibilities have increased over the past five years. Several factors have contributed to this:

1. The increased number of institutions initiating changes of a substantive nature between reaffirmation cycles.
2. The adoption in 1985 of a joint policy between the Commission on Colleges and the Commission on Occupational and Education Institutions (COEI) regarding COEI accredited institutions initiating associate degrees. The policy requires *all* degree-granting postsecondary institutions which are accredited or are applying for this status to apply to the College Commission and not the COEI.
3. The escalating number of applying institutions – in particular, degree-granting proprietary institutions.
4. The implementation of the institutional effectiveness requirements of the *Criteria for Accreditation* and the expectations of those new requirements for institutions which are undergoing evaluation.

Difficult questions, such as the following, are before the review committees at each meeting: What are "appropriate credentials" for faculty teaching in professional and technical areas? What is an "adequate" planning and evaluation process? How should the committee apply institutional effectiveness requirements? What does the *Criteria* require in regard to the academic freedom of faculty?

Serving as chairmen of these extremely important review committees are Frank Borkowski, President of the University of South Florida, and Eddie Smith, President of East Central Community College in Mississippi. Borkowski has served as a Commissioner since 1982 and as Chair-

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Smith, Eddie

man of the Committee on Criteria and Reports for Institutions at Levels II-VI for four years. He is credited with managing the Committee with great sensitivity and wisdom during a period of transition from the *Standards* to the *Criteria*. Borkowski recently chaired the Committee to Review the Structure of the COC, which is recommending the expansion of the Commission from 66 to 77 members.

Eddie Smith has served as a member of the Commission on Colleges for five years, assuming his leadership role of the Committee on Criteria and Reports for Institutions at Level I in June 1989. In addition to his involvement as a Commissioner, Smith was Chairman of the state delegation from Mississippi for two years and served as a member of the 1988 Committee to Review the *Criteria*.



Eddie Smith

All members of the Commission serve on one of the Committees on Criteria and Reports except those elected to the Executive Council of the Commission. (See list of Commissioners—Class of 1989, 1990 and 1991.) Because of the committees' intense workload, the Chairman of the Commission on Colleges may appoint a maximum of five non-Commission members to serve on each of the committees. The following non-Commission members contributed their services to the activity of the committees in 1989: For C & R Level I: Stephen Coppock, Executive Vice President, Sullivan Junior College of Business in Louisville, Kentucky; James L. Geddis, Vice President for Business Affairs, Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, South Carolina; Clauston Jenkins, President, St. Mary's College in Raleigh, North Carolina; Betty S. McNair, Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator, Atlanta Metropolitan College in Atlanta, Georgia; and Alan Nichols, Dean of Administration and Finance, Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise, Alabama. For C & R Levels II-VI: Thomas Estes, Vice President for Finance, University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg (June 1989); Eugene W. Johnson, Comptroller, Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia (June 1989); Ronald Calgaard, President, Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas (December 1989); Robert Hindman, Business Manager and Treasurer, Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina (December 1989); Leroy Keith, Jr., President, Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia (December 1989); Ned Trivette, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina (December 1989); and William R. Walton, Vice President for Business Affairs, Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia (December 1989).

The Commission is indebted to Chairmen Frank Borkowski and Eddie Smith and to all Commission members serving on the Committees on Criteria and Reports during 1989.

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

601-635-2111

February 12, 1987

President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan:

In a time when concerns over the national debt, the Iran-Contra affair, inadequate funding for so many important national priorities, including higher education, consume our attention and thoughts, I felt it would be refreshing to share with you that the students at East Central Junior College in Decatur, Mississippi, in an effort to display their trust in and respect for you, included a special photograph of our President and First Lady in our 1986 yearbook. Although ideologies may differ and political philosophies may not always intermesh, respect for the President of the United States is a virtue that is promoted at our junior college.

Enclosed is a copy of our 1986 yearbook. I hope that you will include it among your collection of memorabilia.

Your efforts for peace with national dignity are both admired and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Eddie M. Smith

Eddie M. Smith
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1987

Dear Dr. Smith:

Just a note to express my appreciation for your kindness in sending the 1986 yearbook from East Central Junior College. Your warm words and thoughtful gesture are certainly appreciated as is the friendship conveyed by your remembrance. Thank you so very much.

Nancy joins me in sending you, your faculty, and your students our best wishes now and for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Dr. Eddie M. Smith
President
East Central Junior College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327





INSTALLATION OF DENVER BRACKEEN - NJCAA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME 3/13/89. HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

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Dr. Eddie Smith addresses the crowd at Neshoba County Fair

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To Eddie Smith,
With best wishes,

Gov. Ray Mabus signing community college bill, backed by Com. college presidents




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WARRIOR CORPS 1985-86

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August 25, 1993

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
East Central Community College
Post Office Box 129
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Decatur, Mississippi 39327-0129

Dear Eddie,

Once again I extend congratulations upon your being selected as one of five college presidents to receive Phi Theta Kappa's highest award for college president awards. Your support has enabled Phi Theta Kappa to grow in size and prestige never before thought possible.

Please accept the enclosed photograph that was used in Phi Theta Kappa publications announcing your selection as a Bennett Distinguish Service Award recipient. We are proud of your accomplishment and applaud your support of Phi Theta Kappa.

Thank you for attending the 75th International Annual Convention of Phi Theta Kappa in Dallas to receive your award. We hope that you will join us again next year in Anaheim. Our best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Rod A. Risley
Executive Director

Enclosure

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East Central Junior College

Decatur, Mississippi

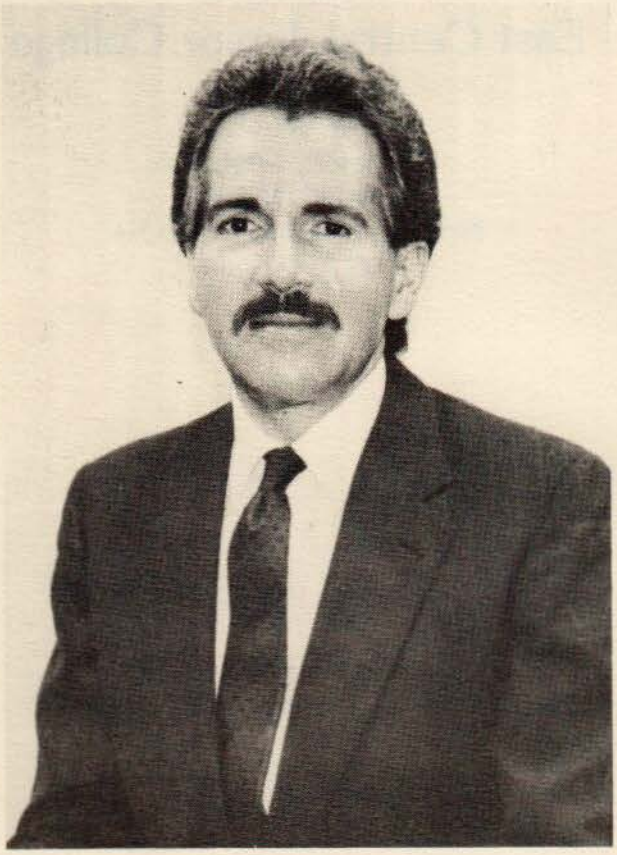
The Inauguration of

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as President of

East Central Junior College

Two O'clock
Wednesday Afternoon
Thirtieth of April
Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Six
Huff Auditorium



EDDIE MALVIN SMITH

Eddie Malvin Smith was named the sixth president of East Central Junior College by the institution's Board of Trustees at the March 1985 meeting, and he assumed the office on July 1, 1985.

Dr. Smith had been an administrator at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College for the previous thirteen years prior to assuming the East Central presidency. The last five years of the Copiah-Lincoln tenure was spent as Dean of Instruction of the district.

After graduating from Noxapater High School in Winston County, he received the Associate in Arts Degree from East Central Junior College. He thus became the second alumnus of the college to serve as president; W. Arno Vincent, 1953-62, is the other former student elected president. President Smith received the Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Mississippi State University and the Doctor of Education degree in higher education administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

His professional memberships include the Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Mississippi Association of Colleges and the Mississippi Junior College Association.

He is a member of Honorary Fraternities Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Tau Sigma and Phi Delta Kappa. He was named Young Man of the Year and Outstanding Young Educator by the Natchez Jaycees. He has been named Outstanding Young Man of America and Outstanding Educator in American Colleges and Universities, and Outstanding Biology Teacher in Mississippi.

Dr. Smith is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mal E. Smith of Winston County. He is married to the former Charlotte Flowers of Natchez. They have two children, Kelli, a senior at Mississippi State University, and Wendy, a freshman at East Central Junior College.

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THE INAUGURATION

The Processional

East Central Junior College Concert Band
God of our Fathers Arranged by Jim Curnow
Director, Tom Carson

Choral Invocation

East Central Junior College Chorus
Gloria in Excelsis By Wolfgang Mozart
Director, Charles Hinson
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Invocation

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President's Response
Eddie M. Smith

Alma Mater
Soloist, Wendy Smith

Choral Benediction
East Central Junior College Chorus
Wonderful Peace By Gustaf Nordquist

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HISTORY OF
EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

East Central Junior College opened its doors to a freshman class of twenty students for the first regular session in September of 1928. In 1928 the Legislature of the State of Mississippi had adopted the first laws for the organization and operation of the Mississippi public junior colleges. The college occupied buildings that were a part of the Newton County Agricultural High School which had been organized in 1914. The Agricultural High School was located on property belonging to the Decatur Municipal School District which had been created in 1912. The upper high school grades which comprised the Newton County Agricultural High School were a part of the college until 1958 when they joined the Decatur Attendance Center.

In March of 1939, East Central Junior College became a member of The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It now holds membership in the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Mississippi College Association, and the Mississippi Junior College Association.

In the beginning there was only one curriculum — that being Liberal Arts. Since that time the course offerings, the physical facilities, and the extra-curricular activities of the school have been increasing. The curriculum has expanded from the liberal arts program to a total of thirty-five programs which include vocational-technical education. The original three buildings have been supplemented with more than thirty major buildings.

Originally this institution was supported by three counties — Newton, Neshoba and Scott. Later they were joined by Leake and Winston. To supplement the original plant, Newton County provided $90,000 in 1930. In 1933-37, $110,000 was spend on the plant, and Newton County provided $44,000 of this amount. Over five million dollars provided by the State and five supporting counties have been spend on the plant since 1946-47.

From the two members of the original faculty of East Central Junior College —Mrs. W.W. Newsome and Mr. Robert Marshall — the number of faculty members has increased to a present total of sixty-one. Since its founding, six presidents have served the institution.

THE MACE

The College mace, carried at the head of the procession by the grand marshall, is East Central's first. It was designed especially for the Inauguration by Larry Blackburn, instructor in Carpentry and Cabinet Making, and Richard Clark, instructor in Machine Shop. It will be used at all future college ceremonial occasions.

The mace originated as a weapon in the Middle Ages. Archers and other unmounted warriors used it as a hand arm. Sergeants at arms, who were guards of kings and other high officials, also carried maces. Gradually the mace gained a ceremonial character and became a symbol to denote authority.

THE MEDALLION

East Central's first presidential medallion will be presented to Dr. Eddie M. Smith as part of the Inaugural Ceremony. The medallion combines the official seal of the college with the recently adopted logo and slogan. It has been used as the official inaugural seal on all inaugural programs and stationery.

The seal was struck in bronze and is engraved on the reverse side with the names and dates of the past presidents of East Central Junior College. Dr. Smith will wear the medallion as a sign of his office at future ceremonial occasions.

ACADEMIC APPAREL

The **gown** is usually of black material. Bachelors' gowns have long pointed sleeves; masters' have full-length square sleeves, crescent-shaped at the bottom; and doctors' have full, round, open sleeves. The doctors' gown is closed and faced with panels of velvet down the front. Three velvet bars decorate each sleeve.

The **cap**, generally the square mortar-board, but sometimes for doctors, a round, soft flat velvet hat (a style borrowed from foreign universities), bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks and degrees, or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color of the degree for bachelors and masters. The doctors' cap only may be of velvet.

The **hood** is the principal indicator of the nature and source of the degree. Bachelors' hoods are three feet long with two inch wide velvet side-panels; masters', three-and-one-half feet with three inch panels; and doctors', four feet with five inch panels. The silk lining bears the colors of the institution that conferred the degree, and the color of the velvet panels indicates the field of study. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

ALMA MATER

Dear Alma Mater, we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days.
Comrades and teachers, friends so true.
We give our love to you —
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rests your memories true.
Here's all our love to you.

Jackson State University
Jackson, Mississippi

The President, Faculty, Staff and Students

of

Jackson State University

extend congratulations to

Dr. Eddie M. Smith

on the occasion of his inauguration as

President of East Central Junior College

and wish for him a long and successful

administration

President James A. Hefner

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1986.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
MISSISSIPPI STATE, MISSISSIPPI

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 25, 1986

Dr. Eddie Malvin Smith, President
East Central Junior College
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear President Smith:

On behalf of the administration, faculty, students, and alumni of Mississippi State University, I send congratulations on the occasion of your inauguration as President of East Central Junior College. I know the many festivities that are planned will be enjoyed by everyone in attendance, and I regret that I cannot personally attend. Mr. A. P. Posey, Registrar at Mississippi State University, will represent us.

We wish you continuing success.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Zacharias
President

nc

c: Dr. Brad Tucker
Mr. A. P. Posey

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENDS GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS

TO

EDDIE MALVIN SMITH

ON THE OCCASION OF

HIS INAUGURATION AS THE SIXTH PRESIDENT

OF

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED GROWTH AND DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT

given this 17TH **day of** APRIL **19** 86
at Lorman, Mississippi

Walter Washington

President, Alcorn State University

THE CHANCELLOR, THE FACULTY, AND THE STUDENTS

of

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

EXTEND GREETINGS

to

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

upon the occasion of

the INAUGURATION of

EDDIE MALVIN SMITH

as

PRESIDENT

AND WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND CONGRATULATIONS

AND BEST WISHES



The University of Mississippi
will be represented by
R. Gerald Turner, Ph.D.

GIVEN AT UNIVERSITY, MISSISSIPPI
April twenty-eight
Nineteen hundred eighty-six

R. Gerald Turner

Chancellor

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 25, 1986

Dr. Eddie Smith, President
East Central Junior College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

Dear Eddie:

I sincerely regret that I cannot be present for your Inauguration. I have a conflict which has been planned for months, and it is one that I just cannot resolve.

Dr. Bud Ginn will be representing USM.

Please be assured of my best wishes on this very special day. Hopefully, there will be an opportunity in the near future for us to visit either at your place or here.

May you continue to have much success, happiness, and good health.

Yours very sincerely,

Aubrey K. Lucas
President

AKL/skd

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The Administrators, Faculty and Staff

of the

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

present greetings and congratulations to

The Board of Trustees, Faculty, Staff, and Students

of

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

on the occasion of the Inauguration of

EDDIE MALVIN SMITH

as the

Sixth President of the College

Given at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, this Sixteenth day of April

Nineteen hundred and eighty-six



Aubrey K. Lucas
President

cc: Dr. B. J. Tucker
Mr. Ovid Vickers
"Info - files"

2723-31st St.
Meridian, Miss.
May 5, 1986

President Eddie M. Smith
East Central Junior College
Decatur, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Smith:

It was a privilege to be present at your inauguration as President of East Central Junior College, April ~~Thirtieth~~. You join Arno Vincent as its second Alumnus to be president. The first year as you know from experience is a settling into ~~the~~ responsibilities. Todd and I experienced two of these; first, at East Central; second, as Superintendent of the Meridian Municipal Separate School District which included a junior college.

The press releases which I have

read since your taking over the Presidency have been favorable. I am predicting that you will weather the present difficult times that are comparable to those we took over in 1934 in the depth of "The Great Depression followed by The Second World War in 1945 - 1953 and its tragic aftermath from which we are still suffering

Our Children Jane and Joe are Graduates of East Central - 1951 and 1953 with a background that stood through College, Graduate and professional schools. I loved Wendy's singing of the Alma Mater and knowing that Kelli is a senior at Miss. State.

I would so like to have two copies of your acceptance of the investiture for my family records if possible. In case, I am enclosing two envelopes for the mailing.

My blessings on you and yours,

Sincerely,

Bernice Day Todd

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

601-635-2111

MEMORANDUM

TO: PLATFORM GUESTS - PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

FROM: DR. BRAD J. TUCKER, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION B.J.

DATE: APRIL 14, 1986

Enclosed please find a script for the inauguration ceremony and a platform seating chart. We will assemble for the processional at 1:15 p.m. in the ground floor hallway of Newton Hall, which is the white stone classroom building north of and adjoining the Huff Auditorium.

We appreciate so very much your participation in this important event and look forward to seeing you on April 30. You may reach me at 635-2111, extension 202, if you have any questions.

BJT/snh

SCRIPT FOR THE
INAUGURATION OF
DR. EDDIE M. SMITH
SIXTH PRESIDENT
EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE
HUFF AUDITORIUM, APRIL 30, 1986

ASSEMBLY: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION REPORT TO THE GROUND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE NEWTON HALL CLASSROOM BUILDING

MR. VICKERS: ANNOUNCE WHEN THE PROCESSION IS READY TO BEGIN "WILL THE AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND FOR THE PROCESSIONAL"

BAND AND PROCESSIONAL: BAND BEGINS PLAYING "GOD OF OUR FATHERS" AT 2:00 P.M. ACADEMIC PROCESSION WILL MOVE TO SEATS AS FOLLOWS: OVID VICKERS, STUDENT ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS, JUNIOR COLLEGE PRESIDENTS BY YEAR SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED, SENIOR COLLEGE PRESIDENTS BY YEAR SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED, EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE FACULTY (ADMINISTRATION LAST), EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE BOARD, EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLATFORM PARTY. MR. VICKERS WILL REMAIN AT THE DOORWAY TO THE WEST STAGE ENTRANCE UNTIL DR. SMITH PASSES AND WILL FOLLOW HIM TO THE PLATFORM. MR. VICKERS WILL MOVE TO THE MICROPHONE AND SAY PLEASE BE SEATED AND THEN TAKE HIS CHAIR.

EAST CENTRAL
SINGERS: "GLORIA IN EXCELSIS"

REVEREND MERRITT: WHEN THE SINGERS HAVE FINISHED AND MOVED TO THEIR SEATS, REV. MERRITT WILL COME TO THE MICROPHONE TO GIVE THE INVOCATION. HE BEGINS BY SAYING WILL THE AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND FOR THE INVOCATION.

MR. VICKERS: (TO AUDIENCE IF NOT ALREADY SEATED, PLEASE BE SEATED.)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE ADMINISTRATION, THE FACULTY, THE STAFF, THE STUDENTS AND THE ALUMNI OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, I WELCOME YOU HERE TODAY.
(BRIEF WELCOME STATEMENT)
I NOW PRESENT DR. BRAD TUCKER, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION AT THE COLLEGE, FOR INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.

DR. TUCKER: THANK YOU, MR. VICKERS, FOR THE WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR SERVING AS CEREMONIAL MARSHAL TODAY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I JOIN MR. VICKERS IN WELCOMING YOU TO THIS CAMPUS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF DR. SMITH. WE ARE NEARING COMPLETION OF THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. IT HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HIS CONTINUED LEADERSHIP.

WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE MANY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WITH US TODAY. SOME WILL SPEAK TO YOU LATER IN THE PROGRAM AND WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THAT TIME. I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THOSE TO YOU NOW WHO WILL NOT OTHERWISE APPEAR ON THE PROGRAM.

I. SEVERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENT REPRESENTING FEDERAL, STATE, DISTRICT, AND COUNTY OFFICES.

1. FEDERAL OFFICIALS
2. STATE OFFICIALS
3. DISTRICT OFFICIALS
4. COUNTY OFFICIALS

II. AMONG OUR GUESTS ARE OTHER PRESIDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR COLLEGES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. WILL YOU PLEASE STAND AS I INTRODUCE YOU AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE GROUP HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED.
(LIST BY FOUNDING DATE OF SCHOOL)

III. WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME PRESIDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI SENIOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. PLEASE STAND AS I CALL YOUR NAME AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE GROUP HAS BEEN PRESENTED.
(LIST BY FOUNDING DATE OF SCHOOL)

IV. WE NOW RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE. PLEASE STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE GROUP HAS BEEN PRESENTED.
(LIST)

V. WE NOW PRESENT THE MEMBERS OF THE EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. PLEASE STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE GROUP HAS BEEN INTRODUCED.
(LIST ALPHABETICALLY)

VI. DR. SMITH'S WIFE, CHARLOTTE, AND DAUGHTERS, KELLI AND WENDY, ARE IN THE AUDIENCE. WILL YOU PLEASE STAND MRS. SMITH, KELLI, AND WENDY.

VII. DR. SMITH'S SISTER AND BROTHER AND THEIR FAMILIES.
(LIST)

VIII. MRS. SMITH'S PARENTS

IX. ANY OTHER FAMILY

DR. TUCKER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT MR. W. ARNO VINCENT, THE THIRD PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, MR. VINCENT.

MR. VINCENT: IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO RETURN TO HUFF AUDITORIUM AND TO EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE. IT IS A SPECIAL HONOR TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR INAUGURATION OF THE SIXTH PRESIDENT, DR. SMITH. AS A PAST PRESIDENT, I COMMEND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR HAVING CHOSEN A MAN WHO, I AM SURE, IS EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES INHERENT IN THE POSITION.
(REMARKS, 2 OR 3 MINUTES)
I WISH FOR DR. SMITH, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, CONTINUED SUCCESS.

DR. TUCKER: I NOW PRESENT DR. RICHARD A. BOYD, SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. DR. BOYD.

DR. BOYD: AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, I AM PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INAUGURATION OF DR. EDDIE M. SMITH AS YOUR PRESIDENT.
(REMARKS, 2 OR 3 MINUTES)
WE WISH YOU WELL, DR. SMITH, IN THE POSITION AS PRESIDENT WHICH WILL OFFER MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

DR. TUCKER: DR. GEORGE V. MOODY, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES, IS OUR NEXT SPEAKER. DR. MOODY.

DR. MOODY: AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF JUNIOR COLLEGES, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH DR. SMITH IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN ALL JUNIOR COLLEGES. WE HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED HIS RESOURCEFULNESS AND VISION IN WORKING WITH THE JUNIOR COLLEGE LEADERSHIP. WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM AND PLEDGE HIM OUR SUPPORT AT THE BUREAU IN HELPING HIM TO REACH HIS GOALS FOR EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE.

DR. TUCKER: MR. DON MILNER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS REPRESENTING MR. ELWYN WHEAT, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FOR THAT BUREAU HERE TODAY. MR. MILNER.

MR. MILNER: I AM PLEASED TO SHARE THIS OCCASION WITH YOU TODAY, DR. SMITH. ON BEHALF OF THE BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION, I PLEDGE MY SUPPORT AS YOU TRAIN STUDENTS FOR THE WORLD OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY. WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WORLD OF WORK WILL PROVE VALUABLE AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO TRAIN TOMORROW'S INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND LEADERS.

DR. TUCKER: WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL, CHALLENGE AND COMMITMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I NOW PRESENT MR. DON HOWINGTON, SECRETARY

OF THE EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHO WILL GIVE THE CHARGE FOR THE BOARD.

MR. HOWINGTON: WILL DR. EDDIE M. SMITH PLEASE COME FORWARD.

DR. SMITH, THIS IS A CRITICAL TIME FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; A TIME THAT DEMANDS THE BEST LEADERSHIP AVAILABLE. WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE SUCH LEADERSHIP. I CHARGE YOU TO USE THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF YOUR OFFICE TO MAINTAIN, EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE LEARNING PROCESS LONG AVAILABLE AT THIS COLLEGE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE BOARD SUPPORTS YOU IN YOUR EFFORTS AND WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN CARRYING OUT THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES INHERENT IN YOUR OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE.

DR. SMITH: I, EDDIE M. SMITH, ACCEPT THE CHARGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND COMMIT MYSELF TO STRIVE TO FILL THIS LEADERSHIP ROLE WITH ALL OF THE ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM AND DIGNITY THAT I CAN BRING TO IT. (DR. SMITH AND MR. HOWINGTON RETURN TO SEATS.)

DR. TUCKER: I AM NOW PLEASED TO PRESENT MR. GILBERT W. BRANTLEY, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHO WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION. MR. BRANTLEY.

MR. BRANTLEY: AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I AM PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS INAUGURATION AND TO REPRESENT THE BOARD IN MAKING A PRESENTATION. DR. SMITH, WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD.

THE MEDALLION WHICH YOU WILL RECEIVE TODAY WILL REMAIN WITH THE COLLEGE TO BE WORN BY YOU AND SUCCEEDING PRESIDENTS AT OFFICIAL COLLEGE CEREMONIES. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A PLAQUE WHICH BEARS A REPLICA OF THE MEDALLION, FOR YOU TO KEEP AS A PERSONAL MOMENTO OF YOUR INAUGURAL DAY. IT READS EDDIE MALVIN SMITH, SIXTH PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, APRIL 30, 1986. CONGRATULATIONS!

DR. SMITH: THANK YOU MR. BRANTLEY. I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS OCCASION WHEN I LOOK AT THIS PLAQUE. I WILL HANG IT IN A PLACE OF PROMINENCE IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. (HANDSHAKE DR. SMITH AND MR. BRANTLEY RETURN TO SEATS.)

DR. TUCKER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MR. HENRY B. HUDSPETH OF LOUISVILLE, WILL NOW COME FORWARD FOR THE INVESTITURE.

MR. HUDSPETH: ON BEHALF OF OUR THIRTY-MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHO REPRESENT ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THE EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, I AM HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS INAUGURATION AND TO BRING GREETINGS FOR THE BOARD AND FROM THOSE THEY REPRESENT. YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS OCCASION HONORS NOT ONLY OUR NEW PRESIDENT, DR. SMITH, BUT ALSO EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE. WE DO SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENCE FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. THERE IS AN AIR OF EXCITEMENT AT EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE. WE SENSE THE VISION, ENTHUSIASM, AND STRENGTH OF NEW LEADERSHIP AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT EACH OF YOU CAN SHARE

THIS CONVOCATION WITH US.

DR. SMITH, WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN ME AT THE PODIUM. DR. SMITH, THIS MEDALLION SYMBOLIZES THE AUTHORITY WITH WHICH OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ENTRUSTS THE PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE. THE CHAIN SYMBOLIZES THE LINKS WHICH BIND THE PRESIDENT TO THE FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI OF THE COLLEGE. BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY INSTALL YOU AS PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE AND INVEST YOU WITH ALL THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO THAT OFFICE. (MR. HUDSPETH PLACES THE MEDALLION AROUND NECK OF DR. SMITH) OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND CONTINUING SUPPORT GO WITH YOU.

DR. SMITH: I, EDDIE M. SMITH, ACCEPT THIS MEDALLION AS A SYMBOL OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENCY OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE. I PLEDGE MYSELF TO USE SUCH AUTHORITY FAIRLY AND JUSTLY AND IN KEEPING WITH THE BEST INTERESTS AND TRADITIONS OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE.

MR. HUDSPETH: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE SIXTH PRESIDENT OF EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE, DR. EDDIE MALVIN SMITH.

DR. SMITH: PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.

DR. TUCKER: THANK YOU DR. SMITH AND THANK YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN FOR SHARING THIS DAY WITH US AT EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE.

WE INVITE ALL OF YOU TO THE RECEPTION IN THE GOLD ROOM OF MABRY CAFETERIA IMMEDIATELY

FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THIS CEREMONY.

I ASK THE AUDIENCE TO PLEASE REMAIN IN THE AUDITORIUM UNTIL THE RECESSIONAL HAS ENDED. NOW WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE STAND FOR THE SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER BY MISS WENDY SMITH, AND WOULD YOU REMAIN STANDING FOR THE CHORAL BENEDICTION, THE BENEDICTION AND THE RECESSIONAL.

WENDY SMITH:	ALMA MATER
EAST CENTRAL SINGERS:	CHORAL BENEDICTION
REV. BARRY DICKERSON:	BENEDICTION
EAST CENTRAL BAND:	"GOD OF OUR FATHERS"

12.	11.	10.	9.	8.	7.	6.	5.	4.	3.	2.	1.
Mr. Milner	Dr. Moody	Dr. Boyd	Mr. Vincent	Dr. Tucker	Rev. Dickerson	Rev. Merritt	Mr. Howington	Mr. Brantley	Mr. Hudspeth	Mr. Vickers	Dr. Smith

SEATING CHART

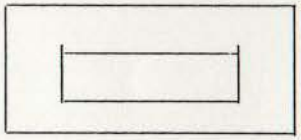
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Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
April 30, 1986

East Central Junior College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

The Board of Trustees, Faculty, Staff and Students

of

East Central Junior College

request the honour of your presence

at the Inauguration of

Dr. Eddie Malvin Smith

as the Sixth President of the College

on Wednesday, the thirtieth of April

at two o'clock in the afternoon

in Huff Auditorium

Decatur, Mississippi

Reception immediately following in Mabry Cafeteria

The Inauguration of Eddie Malvin Smith
East Central Junior College
April 30, 1986

*Name*_____

*Address*_____

I will attend ☐

I cannot attend ☐

Please return reply card by April 23, 1986.

The Inaugural Committee
P.O. Box 7
East Central Junior College
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

1123 Charles Street
Montgomery, Ala 36107
May 10,1986

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
East Central Junior College
Decatur, Mississippu

Dear Dr. Smith:

Congratulations on a very unusual and impressive **Inauguration** in your honor and another plus for East Central. From July 1,1985 some basic ground work must have been in progress indicating that your leadership qualities were just what was needed at East Central.

I commend the Trustees, Faculty and all others who had a part in planning and presenting the program.

Hopefully you will always have competent, cooperative and helpful relationship with all the people related to your administrative duties.

Thanks for sending me the program. It was a joy to find there names of people with whom I could recall many pleasant memories.

Sincerely,

Ethel Burton

Ethel Burton

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

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Mr. Ricky Harrison
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Mrs. Dot Keen, Chairperson
Mrs. Brenda Bynum
Mrs. Sara Griffin
Mrs. Sarah Griffin
Ms. Gloria Johnson
Mr. Lester Miles
Mrs. Lawrence Tingle
Mrs. Gail Wood

Wed., April 30

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Deaton

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Davis / Gressett

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Chmn — A. Burkes / L. McMullan
L. Wood / C. Alford

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Hinson — Chmn.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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B. Johnson
B. Carson

DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

Blackburn, L., Chmn. } co Chmn.
S. Harris, Chmn. }
C. Clark
S. Heard
Gureadey

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

~~A. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa~~
D. Keen, Chmn.
S. Griffin (Cos.)
S. Griffin
D. Wood
G. Johnson

DUTIES FOR ACADEMIC REGALIA COMMITTEE

1. Get sizes of caps and gowns for new faculty members and Board members.
2. Request from all faculty an update on their degrees.
3. Order, disburse, and return academic regalia for all participants.
4. Order extra academic regalia to meet any emergency.
5. Arrange lineup for processional.
6. Prepare estimated budget and present to Budget Committee.

DUTIES FOR ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

1. Be responsible for seating preparations and setting up platform and chairs.

2. Set up podium and public address system.

3. Place water and cups on podium.

4. Work with other committtees on their equipment needs, such as tables for reception and registration.

5. Arrange areas for lining up participants in processional.

DUTIES FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. Get estimated budgets from every committee and prepare an overall budget.

2. Determine what funds are available and set up a special account in the Business Office.

3. Advertise and receive bids on all necessary items for all committees.

4. Review requisitions to assure that budget is kept within available monies.

5. Mr. Trapp to monitor and assign purchase order numbers.

DUTIES FOR DECORATION COMMITTEE

1. Decorate the following:

 (a) Stage area

 (b) Registration table

 (c) Reception room

2. Give estimate of costs to Budget Committee.

3. As supplies are needed, prepare requisitions for approval of Budget Committee.

DUTIES OF INVITATION COMMITTEE

1. Decide on design and wording for formal invitation, including reply card and return envelope. Also, decide on special card to notify regalia group.

2. Coordinate with Program Committee so that style, print, etc. will be uniform.

3. Submit recommendation to Steering Committee before specifications are finalized.

4. Prepare list of names and addresses of persons to receive formal invitations.

 a. Non-processional Group

 (1) Dr. Smith's family and special friends

 (2) Legislators in East Central Junior College District

 (3) Board of Supervisors in East Central District

 (4) School Principals and Superintendents of Separate School Districts in East Central District

 (5) United States Congressmen from Mississippi

 (6) Mayors and Chancery Clerks in East Central District

 (7) Major donors to East Central Foundation and alumni

 (8) Former Presidents

 (9)

 (10) Advertisers

 (11) Specified Bank Presidents

 (12) Former East Central Board Members

 (13) Other state government offficials

 b. Processional Group

 (1) Delegates from junior and senior colleges

 (2) Governor Bill Allain

 (3) State Department of Education officials

5. Give estimate of cost to Budget Committee as soon as possible.
6. Address invitations.
7. Mail invitations on April 8, 1986.
8. East Central personnel to be invited by memo.

DUTIES OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1. Plan program for inauguration, including the music.

2. Prepare data for printed program and coordinate the printing with the Invitation Committee.

3. Contact and confirm people participating on program.

4. Submit an estimated budget to Budget Committee.

DUTIES FOR RECEPTION COMMITTEE

1. Plan reception menu.
2. Work with Decoration and Arrangement Committees.
3. Work with Invitation Committee on number.
4. Submit estimated budget to Budget Committee.
5. Determine receiving line participants.
6. Arrange for floating hostesses.

DUTIES OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

1. Purchase registration book(s).

2. Prepare registration table.

3. Coordinate efforts with Arrangements Committee and Decoration Committee.

4. Present estimated budget to Budget Committee.

We only ~~had~~ had one left of this card so made you a copy. This goes inside invitations to those marching in processional + platform guests.

You are invited to participate in the inaugural procession. Academic regalia is required.



EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI

SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
INAUGURATION INVITATIONS, PROGRAMS, NAPKINS

PRICE

1. 750 invitations, printed on Crane's ecru reception card stock, or equal. The invitation is to measure 7" x 14", folded twice on the 14" side to form three panels 7" x 4 11/16". The printing will be in black or navy blue in a style selected by the college, with a 1 1/4" blind embossed seal centered near the top of the front cover. Printing will be on the center panel and the panel formed by the right fold. There will be a matching envelope with the blind embossed seal that is used on the invitation being embossed on the back flap of the envelope, with one line embossed (or printed) return address. The invitations will be tissued. The outside envelope will be delivered to the college on or before March 20, with the entire order at the college on or before March 27, 1986. $_____

2. 750 reply cards with envelopes. The cards with the matching envelopes are to be in the same printing style and paper stock as the invitations. The size of the reply card is to be approximately 4 7/8" x 3 3/8". $_____

3. 100 academic regalia cards, printed on the same paper stock as the invitations. The academic regalia card is to measure 3 1/2" x 2". $_____

4. 1500 programs.

 Size: 7" x 10".
 Binding: Saddle-stitched 10" side.
 Pages: 12 pages plus 4-page cover.
 Stock - Contents: 80-lb. off-white Vellum.
 Cover: Crane's ecru reception card stock, or equal.
 Embossing: Cover is to have 2 1/4" blind embossed seal on the front.
 Printing: Contents copy printed in black or navy blue. $_____

 Additional 500 $_____

PRICE

5. 2000 tea napkins, white with silver printing as follows:

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
East Central Junior College
Inauguration - May 1, 1986 $_____

ORDER OF PROCESSIONAL

(Please March Slowly)

1. Marshall (Mr.)
2. Student Representatives
3. Junior College Presidents
4. Senior College Presidents
5. Faculty
6. Deans
7. Steering Committee
8. Board of Trustees
9. Platform Guests
10. President

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EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

601-635-2111

MEMORANDUM

TO: INAUGURAL STEERING COMMITTEE

FROM: DR. BRAD J. TUCKER, CHAIRMAN B.J.

SUBJECT: MEETING REMINDER

DATE: APRIL 7, 1986

Please be reminded that we will meet Thursday, April 10, at 10:35 a.m. for the purpose of determining if we have:

(1) Completed and mailed all invitations
(2) Proofed and returned program for printing and planned for its distribution
(3) Completed plans and made arrangements for reception
(4) Selected materials and made assignments for registration
(5) Determined costs and budget estimates
(6) Planned processional, recessional and seating arrangements
(7) Planned for the distribution, fitting, and collection of regalia
(8) Planned the decorations and made preliminary arrangements for them

Each committee should be represented by its chairperson or a member who can report plans and accomplishments to date.

BJT/snh

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601-635-2111

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF

FROM: DR. BRAD J. TUCKER, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION B.J.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

DATE: APRIL 23, 1986

All regularly scheduled classes on the campus of East Central Junior College beginning with the fifth period will be cancelled on Wednesday, April 30, 1986. Fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth period academic classes will not meet and all vocational classes are dismissed after their usual lunch period. This action is taken so that faculty, staff, and students may attend the inauguration of Dr. Eddie M. Smith in Huff Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Students should be made aware that distinguished guests from throughout the district and state will be on campus for the occasion.

The processional in full academic regalia will assemble at 1:15 p.m. in the downstairs hallway of Newton Hall and will line up in the following order:

1. Presidents of student organizations
2. Presidents of Mississippi junior colleges
3. Presidents of Mississippi senior colleges and universities
4. Faculty and staff of ECJC alphabetically with the administration last
5. The Executive Board of the Alumni Association
6. The ECJC Board of Trustees
7. The platform party with Dr. Smith last

The recessional will be in reverse order. The ceremony should take about one hour with the reception to follow immediately in Mabry Cafeteria.

All college offices will close for the ceremony except the switchboard. Many of you will be working on a committee as well as participating in the ceremony during the day. If you do not have a specific committee assignment, please be available to greet guests, welcome them to the campus and offer your assistance.

ECJC

WITH YOU IN MIND

Thank you for your help in planning and preparing for the day and for the extra effort that I know you will put forth to make the day successful for East Central Junior College.

BJT/snh

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DECATUR, MISSISSIPPI 39327

TELEPHONE 601-635-2111

MEMO

TO: East Central Community College Faculty and Professional Staff

FROM: Ron Davis

RE: May 6th, 2000 Convocation

DATE: 5-1-2000

All faculty and professional staff should be lined up by 1:30 in full academic regalia for the convocation ceremony. The line will start in front of the Office of Public Relations beneath Huff Auditorium and extend through the underpass and into Newton Hall.

Attached is a list of the order that faculty and professional staff will use for the march into Huff Auditorium. Seating will be reserved for faculty and professional staff and Warrior Corps members will assist in seating.

After the program, faculty and professional staff will wait for the people on the stage to lead out and then exit through the east aisle in the same order that they entered.

RECEIVED
MAY 1 2000

1956 - Lucille Wood
Mr. Prentice Copeland
Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Dr. Phil Sutphin
Mr. Bubba Hudspeth
Mr. Billy Nicholson
Mr. Ovid Vickers
Dr. Richard Ethridge
Reverend Stan Buckley
Reverend Billy Owen
1962 - Tommy Thrash
1968 - Al Deaton
1968 - Raymond McMullan
1969 - Ann Burkes
1969 - Alice Pouncey
1970 - Lois McMullan
1971 - Al Bailey
1972 - Lee Ann Scoggin
1973 - Mike Anderson
1974 - John Adcock
1975 - Elizabeth Breland
1975 - Bruce Guraedy
1975 - Gail Wood
1978 - Gloria Johnson
1979 - Jim Hansford
1981 - Roberta Holt
1982 - Brenda Carson
1982 - Tom Carson
1983 - Ricky Harrison
1984 - Lester Miles
1985 - Gene Davis
1985 - Sammy Pace
1986 - Katherine George
1986 - Brenda G. Pierce
1987 - Jamie Clark
1987 - Ron Davis
1987 - Bubby Johnston
1987 - Polly Mayes
1988 - R. W. Clark
1988 - Brenda K. Johnson
1988 - Frederick Lyons
1989 - Leonard Barrier
1989 - L. B. Bullock
1989 - Ann Bullock
1990 - Jimmy Dempsey
1990 - Conrad Germany
1991 - Thomas Key
1991 - Virginia Pace
1991 - Tammy Parkes
1991 - Laura Thorne
1991 – Sandra Wedgeworth
1992 - Sandra Thomas
1992 - Juanita West
1993 - Jim Blackburn
1993 - Janice Jacobs
1993 - Maudean Sanders
1993 - Mary Wright
1994 - Patti Davis
1994 - Patricia Long Gaddis
1994 - Cynthia M. Gaudin
1994 - Brenda Kirby
1994 - Randall Lee
1994 - Gloria McRae
1994 - Robert Murphy
1994 - William Norcross
1994 - Linda B. Pierce
1994 - Roger Whitlock
1994 - Ronnie Westbrook
1995 - Katherine Buckman
1995 - David Case
1995 - Timmy Coats
1995 - Lanette Hanna
1995 - Wanda Moore
1995 - Joseph Renaud
1995 - Melinda Smith
1995 - Terry Underwood
1996 - Rosemary Adcock
1996 - Michael Alexander
1996 - Larry Hogue
1996 - Sammy Holdiness
1996 - Martha McElhenney
1996 - Maxine McKee
1996 - Dale McNair
1996 - Derek Pace
1996 – Jill Powe
1996 - Gloria Rigdon
1996 - Leesa Wilkinson
1997 - Sandra Amis
1997 - Brandi Baucum
1997 - Todd Eldridge
1997 - Lisa Gorgas
1997 - Laura Hammons
1997 - Mary Hanson
1997 - Corinne Hayes
1997 - Lila M. Hunt
1997 - Stacey Hollingsworth
1997 - Joe Allan Killens
1997 - Lisa McMillin
1997 - Maria McLeod
1997 - Gary Ann Moore
1997 - Wendy Moore
1997 - Ross Price
1997 - Natalie Vance
1998 - Mary Boulton
1998 - Jay Bowen
1998 - Wanda Brackeen
1998 - Jared Brownlee
1998 - James C. Clark
1998 - Ron Forest
1998 - Thomas Fortenberry
1998 - Bettye Sue Hennington
1998 - Gerald Jordan
1998 - Steve W. Kelly
1998 - Tonya Kirk
1998 - Joseph Todd Mangum
1998 - Marcus McCool
1998 - Patsy Moore
1998 - R. T. Purvis
1998 - Haywood Reeves
1998 - Carol Shackelford
1998 - Martha Stokes
1999 - Tommy Clopton
1999 - Dana Dear
1999 - Stella Dickerson
1999 - John Everett
1999 - Christy Ferguson
1999 - Sue Ford
1999 - Melanie Gilmore
1999 - Frances Graham
1999 - Brad Hodge
1999 - Neal Holliman
1999 - Joseph Irby
1999 - Tony Kinton
1999 - Linda M. Lane
1999 - Renee Lyles
1999 - Stephanie Price
1999 - Shelia Rone
1999 - Kenneth Thompson
1999 - Mickey Vance
2000 - Christi Lee

Personnel are listed alphabetically within the year of latest full-time professional employment

CONVOCATION

MAY 6, 2000

RESPONSE/THANKS

CHARLOTTE

KELLI AND WENDY

ALL OF THE CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ECCC FAMILY - ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

ALL OF THE CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ECCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DR. PHIL SUTPHIN, MR. LARRY HOGUE AND THE ENTIRE STEERING COMMITTEE WHO PLANNED THE EVENTS OF THE DAY

THOSE WHO DELIVERED THE VERY GENEROUS REMARKS TODAY:

DR. RICHARD ETHRIDGE
MR. OVID VICKERS
MR. BUBBA HUDSPETH
MR. JACK WINSTEAD
SENATOR TERRY BURTON

ALSO:

BROTHER STAN BUCKLEY
BROTHER BILLY OWEN

ALL OF THE OTHER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING THE WONDERFUL MUSICIANS

ALL OF MY FELLOW PRESIDENTS, BOTH CURRENT AND FORMER, WHO INCLUDED TODAY'S EVENT ON THEIR SCHEDULES

ALL OF MY MANY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY

MOST OF ALL, I THANK GOD FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR ME THROUGHOUT ALL OF MY LIFE AND ESPECIALLY DURING THE TIME THAT I HAVE SERVED AT ECCC.

CONVOCATION
MAY 6, 2000

SPECIAL GUESTS TO BE INTRODUCED

CHARLOTTE SMITH - WIFE OF DR. SMITH

DR. KELLI SMITH - THE SMITH'S OLDEST DAUGHTER, AND HER FIANCEE, STEVE SUMMERS

WENDY SMITH - THE SMITH'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER

VERNON AND ALICE SMITH - BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW OF DR. SMITH

CLAIRE S. WOODWARD - SISTER OF DR. SMITH

MRS. PEARL FLOWERS - MOTHER OF MRS. CHARLOTTE SMITH

RONNIE AND VICKI SMITH AND THEIR CHILDREN - RONNIE IS DR. SMITH'S NEPHEW

NATALIE SMITH - DR. SMITH'S NIECE

MRS. MERLE SMITH MCLAIN - DR. SMITH'S SISTER-IN -LAW

KRISTI SMITH - DR. SMITH'S NIECE

JIMMY SMITH - DR. SMITH'S NEPHEW

MARTHA WOODWARD WALLACE - DR. SMITH'S NIECE

SCOTT AND SARAH WOODWARD - SCOTT IS DR. SMITH'S NEPHEW

DR. DOUG WOODWARD - DR. SMITH'S NEPHEW WHO IS AN ECCC ALUM

5/5/2000